

CLARK COUNTY CLEAN WATER COMMISSION

Wednesday, December 6, 2000
6:00 – 8:30 PM

Clark County Public Works Department
Conference Room
4700 NE 78th Street
Vancouver, Washington

Call to Order

Roll Call:

Commission Members Present

Willie Bourlet, Dana Kemper, Susan Rasmussen,
Don Steinke, and Peter Tuck

Commission Members Absent

Robert Agard, Cal Ek, Mary Martin, and Art Stubbs

Clark County Public Works Staff

Kelli Frost, and Earl Rowell

Introduction:

The members of the Clean Water Commission, and Clark County staff, were introduced. Vice-Chair, Commissioner Kemper, then called the meeting to order.

Agenda:

Earl Rowell reviewed the packet of materials for the meeting.

- 1) Agenda;
- 2) Notes from the November 15 meeting;
- 2A) Revised Notes from the November 15 meeting;
- 3) E-mail from Rod Swanson regarding the stormwater monitoring subcommittee meeting with Cal Ek and Peter Tuck;
- 4) A copy of Section 7. Election of Officers from the Clean Water Commission by laws;
- 5) An example report card for the Commissioners to review;
- 6) An example of Clark County Performance Measures report for the Commissioners to review;
- 7) Draft year 2000 work plan; Clean Water Program;
- 8) End of October budget report;
- 9) E-mails from the Department of Ecology;
- 10) E-mail from Rod Swanson;
- 11) E-mail from Luanne Coachman; and
- 12) A preliminary draft letter to the Board of County Commissioners regarding extension of terms for Mr. Bourlet, Mrs. Martin, and Mrs. Rasmussen.

Updates and Communications from the public, media, and agencies;

Mr. Rowell: Most of the communication since the last meeting has been centered on initiative I-722. Clark County has joined with other counties in trying to overturn this initiative.

11/15/00 Meeting notes:

The notes for the November 15th meeting were approved as corrected.

Group Discussion

Grant writer:

Mr. Rowell: At the December 20th Clean Water Commission Rod Orlando, a grant writer, will be available to provide information on researching grants. Other grant writers may be available as well.

Mr. Tuck: Mr. Ek and I met with Mr. Swanson on November 30th, with regard to a monitoring program. Mr. Swanson explained that he is in a difficult situation, in that, any monitoring program that is set up would not include criteria from the Washington State Department of Ecology or the U.S. Army Corps. of Engineers. He does not want to be in a situation where a monitoring program is set up and the WDOE or Corps comes out with a ruling that monitoring will need to address certain criteria and our monitoring program wouldn't.

Mr. Tuck: One type of a program we talked about would be to identify approximately 60 locations within the County that can be monitored. For some locations, there is water quality information that has been collected over the years that can be used as background information.

Mr. Bourlet: Are the 60 sites going to be chosen so at some point in the future they can be used to address an outfall somewhere?

Mr. Tuck: We need to have a concerted effort between the different departments of the County sharing information. It would also be good to have the Board of County Commissioners approval on a monitoring program that way if something goes wrong the Commissioners will be aware what we are doing.

Mr. Bourlet: One of my biggest concerns is that the data will get put into a file never to be seen again.

Mr. Rowell: Part of Mike Szwaya's job is to take data from different departments and make sure it doesn't get lost.

Mr. Tuck: This year, the County has set up a monitoring program. Phase one of that screening program focused on the different stormwater outlets in the County. During the summer when there is typically no flow, staff checked the outfalls for any flow. If there was they ran tests to determine if illegal or illicit dumping into the streams caused it.

Mr. Kemper: I think a grant writer should research to see if there is any money for data compilation and monitoring.

Mr. Bourlet: I would suggest that we, as a Commission, move towards completing our assignments from the ordinance.

Mr. Tuck: As a first year Commission, some items will not get established this year. We will have to report that back to the Board of County Commissioners. We will need to address which items have been completed in the year 2000 and which ones are future projects, because there is no way we can get everything accomplished this first year.

Mr. Steinke: Isn't our primary goal to obey the permit?

Mr. Bourlet: The permit has to be adhered to by the county, I'm not sure that we as a Commission are going to tell the County to do something against the permit.

Mr. Rowell: In the packet is an example report card. There are a number of ways that you can submit an annual report to the Board of County Commissioners. For example, the annual report could be as simple as a two-page letter indicating that:

1. This Commission met the requirements of the NPDES permit;
2. This Commission is looking at developing an incentive program;
3. This Commission is looking at focusing on the specific criteria in a future report card.
4. This Commission is looking at obtaining additional dollars for educational funding and incentive programs.

2001 Work plan:

Mr. Rowell: Included in your packet is a draft work plan that we put together for the year 2000. This can be used as a starting point for what this Commission wants to accomplish in 2001. It will be slightly different since we are anticipating that mid year the Washington Department of Ecology will come out with a different permit than what we now have.

Mr. Kemper: How is the County doing at collecting money from the state?

Mr. Rowell: We are working with the Washington State Department of Transportation. State law allows WSDOT to pay a maximum of 30% of what a county road would pay, providing there is a Stormwater facility that is a benefit to both the state and local community.

Election of Officers for 2001:

Mr. Rowell: According to the bylaws, this Commission will need to elect a Vice-Chair and Chair for 2001, by the end of the year 2000.

Letter to the BOCC:

Mr. Rowell: Attached is a sample letter to the Board of County Commissioner requesting that Commission members Mrs. Rasmussen, Mr. Bourlet, and Mrs. Martin's terms be extended. If this Commission approves, I will bring a formal copy to be signed at the December 20, 2000 meeting.

Budget:

Mr. Rowell: Attached is a budget report through the end of October. We will still be receiving approximately \$17,000 in bills from Assessment and GIS; approximately \$400,000 in bills from Community Development for inspection and code enforcement; and some bills will be coming in from Maintenance and Operations. This will cause the bottom line to go up considerably. By mid March we should know what our final budget numbers would be for the year 2000.

Mr. Bourlet: We should be looking at the budget cycle for years 2003 – 2004, not what has happened in the past. I would like to move that the Clean Water Commission start work on the 2003 – 2004 budget beginning in September 2001.

Mr. Steinke: Regarding monitoring, what about taking the approach of total maximum daily loads?

Mr. Rowell: There are three maximum total daily load programs in Clark County:

1. Gibbons creek; 2. Salmon Creek; and 3. Lacamas lake.

If you are interested I suggest that we have Rusty Post with the Department of Ecology provide you with information on this program.

Future Meetings

Action Items:

December 20 - Grant and Incentives.

January 3 - Draft report to the Board of County Commissioners

January 17 - Revising the ordinance.

Adjourn

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Commissioner Kemper adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is Wednesday, December 20, 2000 at Clark County Public Works Operations Department Conference Room, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m., 4700 NE 78th Street, Vancouver, Washington.

Respectfully submitted by Kelli Frost

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